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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-15. (canceled)

16. (original) A method, comprising:

outputting stored media information based on an associated index file;

receiving an annotation request at a point in the index file;

receiving and storing annotation information associated with the annotation request; and

modifying the index file at the point at which the annotation request was received to

reference the stored annotation information.

17. (original) The method of claim 16, further comprising:

asking for a type of the annotation information before the receiving and storing.

18. (original) The method of claim 16, further comprising:

detecting a reference to the stored annotation information in the index file;

retrieving annotation information associated with the reference; and

selectively combining the media information and the annotation information.

19. (original) The method of claim 18, further comprising:

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repeating the outputting stored media information based on an associated index file
before the detecting a reference to the stored annotation information.

20. (original) The method of claim 18, wherein the selectively combining includes:
determining whether the annotation information should be displayed, and
combining the media information and the annotation information if the determining
determines that the annotation information should be displayed.